

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. Claims 23-25 are being amended.

Restriction

The claims in this application are subject to restriction under 35 USC § 121. As identified in the Office Action, the claim grouping is as follows:

Group I - invention defined in claims 1-22 drawn to a memory card for digital television decoder, classified in class 711, subclass 1; and

Group II - invention defined in claims 23-25 drawn to a method of rental of memory cards with films, classified in class 705, subclass 52.

Applicants have amended claims 23-25 to clearly indicate that the card according to claim 1 is a medium used in the rental process of claims 23-25. Therefore, Applicants submit that all claims as amended are related.

To retain the right to petition from the requirement, Applicants hereby elect ***with traverse*** Group I directed to invention defined in claims 1-22. The election of inventions is made with traverse at least because all claims as amended include the limitation of a memory card. In addition, the Group II includes only 3 claims and thus the burden on the Examiner to search and examine Groups I and II together would not be serious.

Reconsideration, withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of all of the claims of this application are respectfully requested.

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